Bulldogs prepare to deploy at AWII

By 1st Lt. Nathan Broshear

Air Warrior II Public Affairs

Airmen and A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft assigned to the 354th Fighter Squadron and Aircraft Maintenance Unit are participating in a unique training opportunity in the skies over Louisiana.

Air Warrior II, a large-scale combat exercise at Fort Polk, La., is challenging Airmen and Soldiers in a high-fidelity battlespace that includes an active enemy force, a local populace simulated by role players, and targets that must be engaged by ground and air assets.

Maj. Joel Hampton, director of operations at the 548th Combat Training Squadron, explained, "Davis-Monthan aircrews are supporting the 10th Mountain Division, 3rd Brigade Combat Team from Fort Drum, N.Y. prior to the Army unit's deployment to Afghanistan."

"For the Army, this is a chance to integrate the same aircraft that they'll use in theatre into missions that closely simulate actual combat situations," said Major Hampton. "For the Air Force, we're able to practice working with our Joint Tactical Air Controllers to identify and destroy ground targets during the chaos of battle."

The training at Fort Polk includes nearly 4,000

Capt. Frank Scolaro, 354th Fighter Squadron "Bulldogs", prepares for an exercise mission as part of Air Warrior II. The Bulldogs engage ground targets on the ranges of Fort Polk, La. There, Army troops face a live enemy force and targets that must be engaged by aircraft such as the A-10. The "Bulldogs" also practice sighting targets over a variety of landscapes with Joint Tactical Air Controllers.

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SARC seeks to support sexual assault victims

By Senior Airman Troy Hawkes 355th Wing Public Affairs

"Sexual assault is criminal conduct. It falls well short of the standards America expects of its men and women in uniform."

So reads the Department of the Air Force Policies and Procedures for the Prevention of and Response to Sexual Assault guidance.

Sexual assault has been prominent in news headlines on numerous occasions over the past few years. With

the increase in the frequency and intensity of this problem, the need for change in the way the military deals with it has risen as well. Therefore, the Air Force has created Sexual Assault Response Coordinator positions and revamped its policy on sexual assault. The SARC implements and manages Davis-Monthan's sexualassault prevention and response pro-

According to the new guidance, sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent.

Under the new guidance, victims of sexual assault have two avenues of resolution, said Lt. Col. Cassie Barlow, 355th Mission Support Squadron commander and member of the D-M Sexual Assault Prevention and Response team.

'The major change to the new sexual assault program is the capability for a restricted report," Colonel Barlow said. "Before, every report of sexual assault was an unrestricted report, meaning that there was an investigation started immediately. Now, the victim has a choice whether they want to report the assault to the Office of Special Investigations for an immediate investigation, or not start an investigation. In both cases, the Air Force's priority is getting the victim the assistance they need."

Regardless of which avenue the victim chooses, the priority is ensur-

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The June Davis-Monthan Air Force Base timeline of sorties as of Monday

Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual	Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual
41st ECS	1,661.7	989.6	2,449.2	162nd OSB	1,428.1	1,485.1	2,135.0
43rd ECS	1,685.4	1,588.3	2,350.8	354th FS	7,719.7	7,891.7	9,791.0
55th RQS	2,122.3	1,972.9	2,880.0	357th FS	6,392.0	6,477.5	8,966.0
79th RQS	1,232.4	1,191.4	1,680.4	358th FS	6,556.0	6,471.7	9,148.0
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Warrior Will Days

The Davis-Monthan Legal Office offers deploying Airmen and their families a day to accomplish deployment-related legal issues today during normal duty hours. The legal office will be closed to all other business today.

COMMANDER'S CORNER



Capt. Daniel Cruz, 354th Fighter Squadron (left), and Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, participate in a flight debriefing. Captain Cruz was Colonel Spencer's wingman during their A-10 sorties Tuesday.

Haeffner Fitness Center Scales

Concern: I would like to request that someone adjust the scales at the Haeffner Fitness Center. For several weeks now, they have not been accurate. They will not zero out before I weigh myself and I think they just need to be

recalibrated. I have asked the staff several times to see if they could help and, while they are always friendly, nothing seems to get done. I tried to fill out a comment card but there were none left. Is there anything you can do to fix this situation? Thank you for your time.

Response: Thank you for bringing my attention to the scales in the fitness centers. Maintaining weight is critical to being Ready to Fight When Called.

The scales we have in our locker rooms are for estimated weight values only. Although we do our best to keep those scales calibrated, unfortunately some patrons adjust the mechanism and cause the error you see.

We are working to put reliable electronic scales in each locker room. At this time, we have one set in each facility. They are located in the hallways. When funds are available, we will purchase two more to allow each locker room have their own.

Lastly, let me apologize for not having customer comment cards available. We work hard to provide the best customer service possible and know comment cards are a vital link that allow us to give you the best service possible. To fix this, we have added a step to our morning checklist to make sure comment cards are available.

If you have any further ques-

tions or concerns about the fitness center, please contact Capt. Sirena Morris, 355th Services Squadron Combat Support Flight commander, at 228-6908.

The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here. The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747. An e-mail can also be sent to: 355thWing.CommandersCorner @dm.af.mil Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If a concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the Desert Airma

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Airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Friday through Saturday from 10 p.m. Drunk Driving Program since Jan. 1.

Call AADD at 850-2233

to 3 a.m. for a ride.

Team D-M Mission Spotlight



Members of the 355th Maintenance Operations Squadron maintain combat readiness on A/OA-10 Thunderbolt II, EC-130H Compass Call, HC-130P Hercules and HH-60E Pave Hawk aircraft by directing the maintenance scheduling and analysis programs. They manage deployment readiness and aircraft maintenance training including formal, ancillary and on-the-job training for 1,708 Air-

The squadron also provides manpower, engine and facilities management and computer network systems support.

The 355th MOS belongs to the 355th Maintenance Group, which directs component repair, equipment maintenance, sortie production and overall daily maintenance operations for the 355th Wing and its

(Right) Staff Sgt. David Hinds, 355th Maintenance Group, performs a munitions post-load inspection on a CBU-89 at Davis-Monthan's Weapons Standardization Section, part of the 355th Maintenance Operations Squadron.



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Photo by Senior Airman Stephen Otero

An A-10 Thunderbolt II assigned to the 354th Fighter Squadron pulls up after destroying a ground target with its 30 millimeter cannon during a live-fire portion of the Air Warrior II exercise at Fort Polk, La. Members of the 354th Fighter Squadron "Bulldogs" are participating in the exercise with Air Force Joint Terminal Attack Controllers embedded with the Army's 10th Mountain Division.

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Army participants who must face a real opposition force comprised of "enemy" Army units. Villages inside the training area are populated with approximately 1,200 role players who simulate shop-keepers, politicians and insurgents. Arab-American contractors train role players and help expose troops to customs and courtesies they will soon see when they deploy.

The overall goal of the exercise is to prepare Army and Air Force units for urban operations prior to deployment to various contingencies and to meet formal training objectives as outlined by Joint Forces Command in the Joint National Training Capability Initiative. The JNTC initiative is a military-wide effort to plan and coordinate joint military training under a coordinated timeline while actively simulating the realities of today's fighting environment.

While participating in Air Warrior II, aircrews communicate with ground units through Air Force JTACs embedded within the 10th Mountain Division. JTACs are Air Force enlisted personnel assigned to Army units to control aircraft and assist in targeting during a battle.

A-10s operate from Barksdale Air Force Base, La., during Air Warrior II. Their missions, up to 12 per day, are 20-minute flights south to the Fort Polk area of operations where they strafe ground targets with their 30-millimeter Gatling guns for about two hours.

Part of the exercise takes place over two real towns located just outside the fort. JTACs set up on streetcorners and in parking lots with humvees and radios to simulate a deployment to a nearby village. While aircraft circle overhead, JTACs challenge aircrews to track vehicles and locate buildings.

For A-10 crews, the opportunity to work with JTACs over an actual city that roughly simulates

"hot" zones such as Tikrit and Tallil, Iraq, is invaluable.

"This is the only place in the world to get this kind of training," said Capt. Frank Scolaro, the Air Warrior project officer assigned to the 354th FS. "We're able to train over a real town with all of the activity going on — it's a real challenge."

"The people of Leesville and DeRidder are true patriots," added Captian Scolaro. "It's great to see a whole community support our military and the global war on terror in this way. They deserve a big thank-you."

While operating over civilian cities, A-10 crews take many safety precautions. Jets never have ordnance on the aircraft while conducting operations over the population. Strict altitude limits and safety protocols have been worked out with the city council and local leadership.

Being in a town helps JTACs sharpen their skills at relaying detailed targeting information to aircraft. "Headings, distance and GPS coordinates are relayed to the pilot," said Master Sgt. Jeff Eberlan, Detachment 1 superintendent. "But the most important part of a JTACs job is to 'talk' an aircraft onto the target using a mental picture of an object he may or may not be able to see."

During a typical mission, JTACs must carry approximately 55-75 lbs of gear including while controlling all air assets assigned to patrol a typical area of responsibility. During Air Warrior II, JTACs not only controlled A-10 Warthogs, but also several B-52 Stratofortresses from the 917th Wing, and a B-2 Spirit from the 500th Bomb Wing. Other rotations have included most every type of aircraft in the United States and coalition inventory.

Air Warrior II concluded Thursday. "This exercise proves yet again that the A-10 is the world's premier air-to-ground weapon system," said Major Marty McDonough, the 354th FS director of operations. "Our A-10s, along with Air Force JTACs, are sure to stop the opposition in this exercise and anywhere in the world!"

News Notes

D-M 4th of July

The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base 4th of July Celebration at Bama Park starts at 5 p.m. with food, beverages and novelty booths for enjoyment along with a "Kid's Zone" featuring jumping castles and a children's disc jockey.

Live entertainment featuring the band "Renegade" begins at 6 p.m. and a DJ will play the latest hits throughout the event. The celebration will conclude with a fireworks display synchronized to music at 8:30 p.m.

Housing survey info

All housing residents are encouraged to fill out the Family Housing Resident Satisfaction Survey that will be mailed from CEL & Associates, Inc. a consulting firm. Responses on the survey are completely confidential. CEL & Associates will collect, evaluate and tabulate the results of the surveys. CEL & Associates will provide the information to the D-M Housing Office, Air Combat Command, and Air Staff for evaluation and inclusion in improving the housing program.

The survey should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. When the survey is completed, mail it back to CEL & Associates in the stamped, addressed envelope provided.

Housing office closure

The housing office will close July 1 for the Air Combat Command family day. For emergencies, call housing maintenance at 228-8600.

TRICARE prime enrollment changes

Effective July 1, the 355th Medical Group Clinic will no longer accept TRICARE Prime enrollments for retirees and family members for primary care. The medical group will only be able to enroll active duty and their family members for primary care. Prime enrollment is still available but all new retiree and retiree family member enrollments will have a choice of primary care manager within the Tucson area network of primary care providers. A list of primary care providers can be found on www.triwest.com or can be obtained from the TRICARE Service Center in Building 417, next to the main clinic building.

Click It or Ticket

As part of the national campaign, Click It or Ticket, D-M will enforce zero tolerance for speeding, non-seatbelt use and non-handsfree cell phone use.

Terrorism history

On June 25, 1996 terrorists set off a fuel truck explosion outside the northern fence of the Khobar Towers complex near King Abdul Aziz Air Base, Saudi Arabia, killing 19 U.S. military service members and injuring over 260.

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Davis-Monthan scores high marks on 2004 Drinking Water Report

2005 Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report for Davis-Monthan Air Force Base

What is a consumer confidence report and why am I receiving it?

This is a report on the quality of water delivered by Davis-Monthan Air Force Base to its residents. It is mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency under the "Consumer Confidence Reporting Rule" of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Public water systems, which supply drinking water, must publish a report every year by July 1. This report presents information on the source of our water, its constituents and the health risks associated with contaminants.

How is the quality of drinking water on D-M?

We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements. D-M routinely monitors more than 200 constituents in your drinking water according to federal and state laws. The table here shows the analytical results of constituents that have exceeded detectable limits throughout our continuous monitoring for the period of Jan. 1, 2000 to Jan. 27. 2005 As you will see in the table only the Nitrate and Asbestos contaminants exceeded their detection limits but none have exceeded the maximum contaminant level set forth by federal and state regulations. As many of you know, we have had some problems with the drinking water quality in our new CDC. These resulted from interior plumbing problems and were not related in any way to the quality of our base drinking water.

Where does my drinking water come from and why are there contaminants in the water?

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife. Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming. Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses. Organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also, come from gas stations, urban stormwater run-off and septic systems. Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Source water assessment and its availability

The Davis-Monthan drinking water system is totally independent from the city of Tucson's water supply. Our ground water is drawn from production wells throughout the base. The well water is introduced to the base distribution system through eight points of entry. These eight POEs are where the majority of samples are collected for analysis and then compared to the EPA and State of Arizona standards. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink. EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. This testing is conducted by the 355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron. Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight. The FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. The EPA and the Centers for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline. It is our opinion based on analysis that these people are not at risk on Davis-Monthan, but these people should seek advice

about drinking water from their health care providers.

Whom Do I Contact For Local Information?

If you have questions concern-

ing the content of this report, or would like to review sampling data, please contact the Bioenvir commental Engineering Flight at 228-5369. If you have questions about the base water distribution system or how water is supplied to you, please contact the 355 Civil Engineering Squadron, Utility Element at 228-4167.

Water Quality Table

The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants we detected that are applicable for the calendar year of this report. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change.

M		TT or	Water		High		violation	Source
Inorganic Contami	inants							
♦ Nitrate [measured	l as Nitr	ogen] (p	pm)					
	10	10	1.2	0.9	1.2	2003	No	Runoff from fertilizer
use; Leachi								
♦ Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.068	ND	0.068	2003	No	Discharge of drilling
wastes; Dis	_							
Arsenic (ppb)	0	50	2.9	ND	2.9	2003	No	Erosion of natural
		m orcha 100		ND ND			es production	
 Chromium (ppb) and pulp m 			11		11	2003	No	Discharge from steel
Antimony (ppb)	ilis; Eros	6 6	0.4	ND	0.4	2003	No	Discharge from
							r; test addit	
Copper - source w			taruants,	ceranno	s, electro	ilics, solue	r, test addit.	ion.
Copper - source w	ater (pp	NA	0.12	ND	0.12	2003	No	Corrosion of house
hold plumb	ing syste					2000	110	Corrosion of nouse
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.2	ND	0.2	2003	No	Erosion of natural
deposits; Wa	ater addit	tive whice	ch promot	es strons	g teeth; D	ischarge fro	om fertilizer	and aluminum factories
Lead - source wat	er (ppb)		•	,	,	0		
		NA	8.5(MPL)	ND	17	2003	No	Corrosion of house
hold plumb	ing syste	ems; Ero	sion of n	atural de	eposits			
	50	50	3.1	ND	3.1	2000	No	Discharge from
							charge from	
♦ Asbestos (MFL)		7	5.5	ND	5.5	2003	No	Decay of asbestos
cement wat	er mains	s; Erosio	n of natu	ıral depo	osits			
Radioactive Contan	ninants							
♦ Alpha emitters (pC	Ci/L)							
	0	15	2.4	1.5	2.9	2003	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium (combined	1 226/228	B) (pCi/L)					•
	0	5	0.4	ND	0.5	2003	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Additional Monitor	ing							
	,			TD4 1				

As part of an on-going evaluation program the EPA has required us to monitor some additional contaminants/chemicals. Information collected through the monitoring of these contaminants/chemicals will help to ensure that future decisions on drinking water standards are based on sound science.

	Reported Level	Range		
		Low	High	
Bromodichloromethane (ppb)	1.3	ND	1.30	
Bromoform (ppb)	0.8	ND	0.80	
Chloroform (ppb)	1.1	ND	1.10	

Unit Descriptions

ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)

ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L) pCi/L: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

MFL: million fibers per liter, used to measure asbestos concentration

NA: not applicable

ND: Not detected

NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended.

Important Drinking Water Definitions

- ♦ MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
 ♦ MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water.
- ♦ TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking
- ◆ AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other
- requirements which a water system must follow.

 Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
- MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water.
 There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- ◆ MNR: Monitored Not Regulated
- ♦ MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level

Developing, nurturing warfighters overSEAs, home

By 1st Lt. Beth Tucker

355th Wing Public Affairs

The motto for the 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron, "Out In Front!," defines the readiness and training of the men and women of the squadron. From December 2003 when 11 Davis-Monthan personnel received orders to deploy, their title of "Airmen" quickly refocused to Warfighters.

The 11 Air Force vehicle operators deployed to provide security for Army convoys.

"This type of aid to the Army has no Air Force historical precedent," said Lt. Col. Roger Brooks, 355th LRS commander.

Airmen from D-M have completed more than 1,300 convoys, covering three million miles primarily in the Sunni Triangle. They have come home successful in the mission and in their personal lives. But the unprecedented aid goes much further than the overseas support .

"The nature of the convoy job adds additional stressors to the people in these positions," said Colonel Brooks. "I wanted to prepare them physically, mentally and spiritually for the rigors of combat."

"I was very concerned with preparing the first group of 11 men and women," said Colonel Brooks. And so, he developed a pre-, during, and post-deployment plan to ensure these Airmen were prepared mentally, physically and spiritually before, during and after their deployments. Through seven phases of the SEA, not only is every vehicle operator prepared, but so is every Airmen at Davis-Monthan. The seven phases are:

- Phase I: Pre-deployment training and education
 - ♦ Phase II: Deployment
- lacktriangle Phase III: Re-Deployment Screening (in-theater)
- ◆ Phase IV: Re-Deployment screening (home station)
 - Phase V: Reception
 - ◆ Phase VI: Squadron commander interviews
 - ♦ Phase VII: Re-Integration to home station

The seven stages, developed with Life Skills experts and the experiences of those recently returning home from deployments, are used by squadron commanders across the base, and have set a benchmark for Air Combat Command. Phase I for Airmen focuses on areas such as enhanced physical training, orientations of the area of responsibility, enhanced specialty training, final weapons training, etc.

Squadron commanders include family members in every phase of the preparedness. Phase I for the families consists of ensuring contact information for the Airmen, the first sergeant and commander are available at home. Commanders give spouses the opportunity to make connections within the squadron before their spouses leave through an evening of interaction amongst leadership and

spouses. Phase II leans heavily on taking care of the family at home through services such as the Family Support Center and the Chapel.

"While deployed, we maintain contact with the ranking member of the team so we know how everyone is doing and who has been exposed to particularly violent situations," Colonel Brooks said. "We also keep track of home-station events that may affect deployers. These situations have a definite impact on the mental state of anyone deployed, but especially those involved in combat situations."

Reuniting with family and "normalcy" of home-station life is looked forward to by most; however, experiences of deployments, particularly those in violent areas, are not pushed aside. Phases III through VII ensure Airmen receive the resources to ensure a smooth transition from a war environment to friendly surroundings. Starting with a warm reception home, commanders talk with every Airman, asking key questions to ensure the right resources necessary for a smooth transition are made available. Life skills, family support and chaplains stand-by for any Airmen needing someone to talk to.

Personal interaction between all deploying Airmen and the squadron commanders at D-M are the key ingredient to each of the stages. Prepare to Deploy When Called and Ready to Fight When Ordered start and stop with the personal interaction of Developing and Nurturing Our Airmen.

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CRIME& Punishment

Davis-Monthan Articles 15, discharges from June 6 to 17

- ♦ An Airman first class assigned to the 354th Fighter Squadron received a reduction to Airman, restriction to the limits of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base for 15 days and a reprimand for **distribution of a controlled substance**. This was a violation of Article 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.
- ♦ An Airman first class assigned to the 355th Security Forces Squadron received a reduction to Airman basic, forfeitures of \$571, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand for wrongful distribution of a schedule II, controlled substance. This was a violation of Article 112a of the UCMJ.
- ♦ A senior Airman assigned to the 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to Airman first class and seven days extra duty for failing to obey a lawful order by entering D-M with a loaded privately owned firearm. This was a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.
- ◆ An Airman first class assigned to the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron received a reduction to Airman for underage drinking and unlawfully entering a dormitory room. These were violations of Articles 92 and 134 of the UCMJ.
 - ◆ An Airman first class assigned to the 355th

CES received a suspended reduction to Airman and restriction to D-M for 30 days for **failing to go to several physical health assessment appointments**. This was a violation of Article 86 of the UCMJ.

- ♦ A staff sergeant assigned to the 563rd Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to senior Airman and 45 days extra duty for **failing to obey a no contact order and insubordinate conduct towards an NCO**. These were violations of Articles 91 and 92 of the UCMJ.
- ◆ An Airman assigned to the 355th Communications Squadron was discharged with a General service characterization for **Minor Disciplinary Infractions**, supported by one Article 15, eight Letters of Reprimand and three Records of Individual Counseling.
- ♦ An Airman first class assigned to the 355th Operations Support Squadron was discharged with a General service characterization for **Minor Disciplinary Infractions**, supported by one Article 15, one Letter of Admonishment, three Letters of Reprimand, three Letters of Counseling and one Record of Individual Counseling.
- ◆ An Airman first Class assigned to the 755th AMXS was discharged with a General service characterization for **Discreditable Involvement with Military and Civilian authorities**, supported

by one Article 15 and two Letters of Counseling.

- ◆ An Airman basic assigned to the 612th Combat Operations Squadron was discharged with a General service characterization for **Discreditable Involvement with Military authorities**, supported by a Special Court-Martial, two Letters of Reprimand, one Letter of Counseling and two Records of Individual Counseling.
- ◆ An Airman first class assigned to the 355th CS was discharged with a General service characterization for **Unsatisfactory Duty Performance**, supported by two Career Development Course, End of Course Examination failures, two Letters of Reprimand and one Record of Individual Counseling.

(Editor's note: Information courtesy of the 355th Wing Staff Judge Advocate Office. The same offense can result in different punishment for each offender. The offender's commander considers several factors when determining punishment, including the offender's service record and impact of unit discipline, cohesion and morale.)

Area Defense Counsel tip of the week

An enlisted member may request that his courtmartial jury contain at least one-third enlisted members. If you have any questions, call the Area Defense Counsel at 228-5664.

Airman saves children from drowning

By Jodie Grigsby

Air Force Weather Agency Public Affairs

OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb. — An Airman here was expecting to have some fun in the sun on a weekend trip to the beach during a recent trip. He was not expecting to save children from drowning.

Staff Sgt. Jozsef Nagy, an Internet services technician with the Air Force Weather Agency, was attending a network management training class at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., when he and fellow classmates took a day trip to Pensacola Beach, Fla. Sergeant Nagy said he was wading in the water when one of his classmates yelled, "Are those kids in trouble?"

Sergeant Nagy said he turned and noticed three children who were about eight feet in front of him; all appeared to be struggling in the water. He then

saw a young boy, about 7 years old grab hold of an older girl. The girl, who was about 12 years old, went under the water from the weight of the boy.

"I didn't think; I just reacted," said Sergeant Nagy, who has been in the Air Force for six years.

Sergeant Nagy dove underwater and reached the children in a matter of seconds, pulling the older girl from under the water. He said the other two children grabbed hold of him almost instantly. He told them he was there to help.

They were about 60 feet from the shore, and standing 6 feet, 3 inches tall, Sergeant Nagy said he could barley touch the ground. As he headed toward the shore, he had to tread water to keep his head, and the three children that clung to him. above water. He said the force of the waves was huge and that he had to fight with it to keep from losing ground.

"It felt like that with every two steps forward,

the (waves) pulled us back one step," he said.

Sergeant Nagy, a father of a 3-year-old, said his parental instincts were in high gear, and he zeroed in on getting everyone safely to shore. Once he reached shore, he said the two smaller children ran off without a word. The older girl sat there for a few moments as she caught her breath.

Sergeant Nagy said he asked her if she was OK. She just nodded her head and then walked away.

"Knowing that they were OK was all the thanks I need," Sergeant Nagy said.

But not everyone thinks he should go without recognition.

"The Air Force is about service and sacrifice, and Sergeant Nagy demonstrated both of these when he put his own life in danger to save three children," said Col. David Handle, AFWA's communications and information directorate director. "If that isn't heroism, I don't know what is."

2006 Thunderbirds team includes first female pilot

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE,

Nev. — The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, "Thunderbirds," officials announced their new pilots for the 2006 demonstration season which includes the first female demonstration pilot in the 52-year history of the Thunderbirds.

Capt. Nicole Malachowski, of the 494th Fighter Squadron at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, joins the team as the first female demonstration pilot on any U.S. military high performance jet team.

Lt. Col. Kevin Robbins, from the Air Force Weapons School here, was selected to be the lead pilot and the squadron commander.

Capt. Ed Casey, of the 56th Training Squadron at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., was the other new demonstration pilot named to the team.

Capt. Tad Clark, of the 52nd Operations Support Squadron at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, is the new advanced pilot and narra-

Returning pilots include Majors Rusty Keen, Steve Horton, Brian Farrar and Jeremy Sloane.

The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron is an Air Combat Command unit comprising eight pilots, six of whom are demonstration pilots; four support officers; four civilians; and about 120 enlisted Airmen in more than 29 career specialties.

A Thunderbirds' demonstration is



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a mix of six aircraft performing formation flying and solo routines. The four-aircraft diamond formation demonstrates the training and precision of Air Force pilots, while the solos highlight the maximum capabilities of the F-16 Fighting Falcon.

The team's first performance was June 8, 1953, at Luke. Since then, the Thunderbirds have flown for more than 310 million people at 3,944 air demonstrations in all 50 states and more than 60 foreign countries.

SARC

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ing that individual's needs are met, according to the new guidance.

"The Air Force is committed to ensuring that victims of sexual assault are protected; treated with dignity and respect; and provided support, advocacy and care," Colonel Barlow said. "Our policy strongly supports effective command-awareness and prevention programs, as well as law enforcement and criminal justice activities that maximize accountability and prosecution of sexual assault perpetrators. To achieve these objectives, the Air Force recommends prompt, complete, unrestricted reporting of sexual assault allegations to activate victim services and accountability responses. Victims should be appropriately encouraged to make unrestricted reports. However, the (Air Force) has recognized there are significant barriers which deter some victims from reporting sexual assaults."

Some of these barriers are lack of privacy and confidentiality; stigma, shame, or fear; fear of being reduced in the eyes of one's commander or colleagues; fear of disciplinary action due to a victim's own misconduct; fear of re-victimization; fear of operational impacts on training, security clearances and overseas deployment; and fear of adverse impacts on the individual's unit or mission accomplishment.

The Air Force doesn't want these factors to keep victims from reporting sexual assault and receiving the care and support they need. This is the reason there are now options for restricted and confidential reporting of sexual assault.

"The change was made to encourage more people to come forward to get assistance," Col. Barlow said. "This change will (also) benefit victims by getting them the support they need early in the process.'

There are several avenues available to victims who wish to make restricted reports.

According to the new guidance, only SARCs and healthcare providers may receive restricted reports of sexual assault at any time on or after June 14. Consistent with current policy, a report may also be made to a chaplain. A report to a chaplain is not a restricted report under this policy, but is a communication that may be protected under the Military Rules of Evidence or applicable statutes and regulations.

The restricted reporting process does not affect any privilege recognized under the Military Rules of

Any report of a sexual assault made through normal reporting channels including the victim's chain of command, law enforcement and OSI or other criminal investigative service is considered an unrestricted report.

A report made to a SARC or healthcare provider where the individual does not elect restricted reporting is considered an unrestricted report.

For more information about this new guidance, sexual assault or to report sexual assault, call the SARC 24 hours a day at 940-8059.

Inspecting the 'hole' aircraft

Desert Lightning Team supports War on Terrorism



Photos by Master Set Al Gerloff

Top: Staff Sgt. Emily Frances, 43rd Expeditionary Electronic Combat Squadron deployed from Davis-Monthan, climbs through the top access hatch of an EC-130H Compass Call at a forward-deployed location to inspect the top surface of the aircraft for leaks and damage.





Rosie the Riveter: Everyone supports mission

By Barbara Dycus

355th Wing Military/Civilian Equal Employment Opportunity director

Anyone who has been in my office has seen the Rosie the Riveter, "We Can Do It" sign. Though I believe women play a vital role in today's Armed Forces, the sign does not represent any women's liberation agenda.

The person who created "Rosie the Riveter" is not known and it is unclear if it was a specific person. What is clear, is our government needed individuals to fill the critical labor shortage we were facing in our industry. Men were signing up for the military and being called to serve. Women began working outside the traditional "stay at home" roles and were filling nontraditional roles. Those that served behind the scenes produced such military hardware as ships and airplanes. Others crated ammunition or manufactured explosives. The Rosies' did what they needed to do in support of the mission.

Rosie the Riveter could be anyone of those men or women who supported the war efforts. It could be a military or civilian member, and included those who stayed at home, keeping the family together while their husbands served. Today many spouses support the Air Force by taking care of their family members while deployed. Maintaining the household, children, finances and much more is a critical part of the mission. Though they never earned a medal, their role is equally important.

Just imagine if a deployed member had to worry about life back home and wasn't able to concentrate on his or her tasking; this could be tragic for everyone.

As a civilian employee of the U.S. Air Force, much like Rosie, I have the privilege to work in support of the 355th Wing mission to deploy, employ and sustain a 22-squadron wing. Though I don't fly airplanes or serve abroad, I am an integral part of the mission.

Our office serves to reinforce the Air Force's

"Each individual is vital to our mission. As taskings and deployments become greater for our military members and they are called upon to do more with less, the civilian workforce becomes even more critical."

> Barbara Dycus 355th Wing Military/Civilian Equal Employment Opportunity director

antidiscrimination policies established by law. Just imagine if people were discriminated against and were told to "shut up and color." They could cause intentional sabotage, deliberate malice and definitely slow down productivity. As I am sure all of you have heard, "knowledge is power." We provide that power through education and awareness of others differences.

In my position as 355th Wing Military/Civilian Equal Employment Opportunity director, I have the opportunity to interact with all levels of supervisors, troops and employees who share a common thread – understanding the importance of doing the best job possible in support of the mission with a "We can do it" attitude.

Yes, there are those who lose sight of our mission and the importance each one of us has to the organization. It is so easy to get caught up in the day-to-day stressors. The Air Force has adopted the theme "doing more with less" which has the potential to foster more stress and anxiety. Some are called to work extra duty hours and perform duties that normally two would accomplish and still try to maintain a personal life.

At a recent civilian commander's call, Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander,

reemphasized the importance of civilian employees and encouraged us to be a mentor by providing our knowledge and skills to others. Civilians today are employed in support of the military effort. All of us can share our cultures, life experiences and "can do" attitudes with others. Though you may feel self-satisfaction, you really have the ability to change someone's life.

Each organization has civilian members who work side by side with our military members. Each individual is vital to our mission. As taskings and deployments become greater for our military members and they are called upon to do more with less, the civilian workforce becomes even more critical.

When we get caught up in the negativity and "poor me syndrome," we lose sight of the mission and the importance we play. Some supervisors forget to thank their employees for the work they accomplish. Others forget to emphasize where each person fits in and adds value to the organization. Though the base operations tempo is high and everyone is busy, I encourage supervisors at all levels to first remember each person is a valuable member of the Davis-Monthan team and second tell them you appreciate their work efforts. I encourage all individuals at each level to self reflect on the important role each of you plays in the success of Davis-Monthan.

Our organizational vision is based on — developing and nurturing Airmen, preparing to deploy, fight when ordered and installation stewardship. Each one of us serves at some level to get this accomplished. I encourage you to ask yourself, where do I fit in? What can I do? How do I sustain the mission?

What inspires me most about the Rosies of the world is — each person who did what they could in support of the mission didn't set out for selfish motives. Rather, let's get the job done, bring our troops home safely and protect our great country. This philosophy should be ours today — let's get the job done.

"We can do it."

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Final Answer



Tech. Sgt. **Jeffrey Roberts** 355th Medical Group

"Learn as much as you can from your peers as well as your supervisors and coworkers."



Staff Sgt. **Travis Tierno** 355th Communications Squadron

"Continue to main $tain\ strict\ dress\ and$ appearance standards, punctuality, and go to school!"



Tech. Sgt. **Angela James** 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron

"Get your Career $Development\ Course$ exam out of the way so you can start your education."



Tech. Sgt. **Alex Clinesmith** 355th Maintenance **Operations Squadron**

"Don't fall into the wrong crowd. Listen to and respect the people above you and capitalize on their knowledge. Respect yourself."



Airman 1st Class Nathan Sanchez 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

"Don't drink alcohol underage."



Master Sgt. Joseph Amaya 355th Mission Support Squadron

"Stay in school. Continue your Community College of the Air Force education. If you're an aircraft $mechanic, I \ urge \ you \ to$ get your airframe and powerplant license."

(Editors note: Next week's Final Answer question is: "What are your plans for the Fourth of July weekend?" Contact the Desert Airman staff at desert.airman@dm.af.mil or Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle at 228-5092 to submit an answer.)

Airmen graduate from ALS class 05-E

By Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

355th Wing Public Affairs

Davis-Monthan's Airman Leadership School graduated class 05-E June 16.

In order to take the title of NCO, all senior Airmen in the Air Force are required to graduate from ALS.

Congratulations to the following Airmen who graduated from ALS: 41st Electronic Combat Squadron: Senior Airman Patrick Baughman: 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron: Senior Airman Brent Rosenbaum; 55th Rescue Squadron: Staff Sgt. Justin Cullinan, Senior Airman Kathy Guzman; 355th Civil Engineer Squadron: Senior Airman Rachel Wood; 355th Component Maintenance Squadron: Senior Airman Anthony Ta, Senior Airman Kenneth Witherbee; 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron: Senior Airman David Calloway; Senior Airman Christopher Jackson, Senior Airman Issac Rossow, Senior Airman Mark Wilson, Senior Airman Travis Yeager; 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron: Senior Airman Fernando Arauz, Senior Airman Amy Forte, Senior Airman Brian Macmillan; 355th Maintenance Operations Squadron: Senior Airman David Graffius, Senior Airman Daniel Umburger; 355th Security Forces Squadron: Senior Airman Richard Cruz, Staff Sgt.

Jeremiah Hall, Senior Airman Jesse Konrad. Senior Airman Ross Person, Staff Sgt. Joshua Prindle, Senior Airman Michael Shain, Senior Airman Joseph Zerwas; 355th Services Squadron: Senior Airman Olevia Wesley: 355th Wing: Senior Airman Theresa Boyd, Senior Airman Jennifer Coburn; 357th Fighter Squadron: Senior Airman Jeremiah Faulkner; 563rd Maintenance Squadron: Senior Airman Kelly Cameron, Senior Airman Timothy Hahn, Senior Airman Tracy Thorpe, Senior Airman Jasmine Williams; 612th Air Communications Squadron: Senior Airman Vincent Worland; 612th Air Intelligence Squadron: Senior Airman James Watson; 612th Combat Operations Squadron: Senior Airman Latanceia Godfrey; 612th Combat Plans Squadron: Senior Airman Erika Castro and 755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron: Senior Airman John Campbell, Senior Airman Thomas Fleming, Senior Airman Justin Malloy, Senior Airman Matthew Rivera and Senior Airman Justin Searle.

Congratulations to the following Airmen who received special awards: John L. Levitow Award: Airman Watson; Distinguished Graduates: Airman Rosenbaum; Airman Worlund; Airman Williams; Academic Award: Airman Williams and Leadership Award: Airman Baughman.

IDE announces new students

Congratulations to the following captains who have been selected to attend Intermediate Developmental Education:

Carlos Brown

55th Rescue Squadron

Dave May

355th Mission Support Squadron

Timothy Garretson

355th Operations Support Squadron

Clinton Eichelbrger 357th Fighter Squadron

Patrick Boland 358th Fighter squadron

> Scott Twesme 358th FS

Debra Perry 508th Fighter Sustainment Group

Kelly Burt 612th Air Operations Group



Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member — officer, enlisted or civilian — of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.)

This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Airman 1st Class Laura Anguiano of the 355th Dental Squadron. Airman Anguiano is a dental assistant. According to her superintendent, Senior Master Sgt. Brian Medaugh, she was nominated for the spotlight because her, "professionalism and commitment to providing her patients with both superior clinical and customer services has helped the dental squadron make a smooth transition into a new business practice model."

The following are Airman Anguiano's responses to a variety of questions.

Why did you join the Air Force? I joined the Air Force for the college opportunities,

as well as to eventually be an attorney in the Air Force. I wanted to travel and open myself up to what the world has to offer. **What are your career goals?** To become an officer in the military and prosper to become a lawyer. I'm in the military for the long haul.

If you were the base commander, what would you change? I wouldn't change anything. I think we have a great commander leading us in the right direction.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staeh

What is your most memorable moment in the Air Force? My most memorable moment is basic training, DAY ONE.

Congrats CDC 90s club

Most career fields in the Air Force have Career Development Courses, which have an end-of-course exam requirement to earn higher skill levels.

While Airmen must score a 65 percent or above, these Airmen received a score of 90 or above on their exams.

"CDCs are important because they lay the foundation for an Airman's Air Force Speciality Code," said Staff Sgt. Tabatha Davies, unit training manager with the 355th Mission Support Squadron. "Doing well on your CDCs demonstrates attention to detail as well as excellence in all you do."

Congratulations to the following Airmen:
25th Operational Weather Squadron:
Tech. Sgt. Jason Ziemba; 355th Civil
Engineer Squadron: Airman Charles
Freeman; 355th Contracting Squadron:
Master Sgt. Todd Halpin; 355th Communications Squadron: Staff Sgt. Ezra
Holmes; 355th Equipment Maintenance
Squadron: Airman 1st Class Michael
Nelson; 355th Wing: Airman 1st Class
Clark Staehle and 563rd Maintenance
Squadron: Senior Airman Timothy Hahn
and Senior Airman Tracy Thorpe.

2M teaches technical training to Airmen

By Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle 355th Wing Public Affairs

It is the only place like it in the country.

Detachment 11, 372nd Training Squadron, is based at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, but is located here at Davis-Monthan.

It the only place in the continental United States and Pacific Air Forces Command where enlisted Airmen can become certified in miniature/microminiature circuit card repair. The detachment teaches miniature/microminiature circuit card repair and offers more than meets the eye.

"The Detachment teaches a total of 68 courses spanning 14 (Air Force Specialty Codes)," said Tech. Sgt. Gregory Bloss, Det. 11, 372 TRS. "They cover A-10, C-130, F-16, HH-60 helicopters, aerospace ground equipment and 2M."

The miniature/microminiature circuit card repair course class teaches Airmen how to fix broken circuit cards found in aircraft avionics, similar to the type that may be found in a home computer. The five-and-half-week course is divided up into two sections. Miniature circuit card repair comprises the first part of the course and takes about four weeks. Miniature circuit cards are mostly older technology found on larger circuit boards.

The second part of the course is Microminiature circuit card repair and takes about nine days. Microminiature circuit cards are more modern and closer to state of the art. They have much smaller components.

Upon completion of the course, students will work with their base's AFREP. This program saves the Air Force Force millions of dollars.

Instead of paying to replace circuit cards every time they break, the broken piece is sent to the base's AFREP.

For fiscal 2004, the D-M AFREP saved D-M the base a total of more than \$3.8 million, Master Sgt. Christopher Cochran, 355th Wing

Marine Corps Staff Sqt. William Skidmore, from Camp

Pendleton, removes the conformal coating from a circuit card assembly here.

AFREP manager said. "Parts are classified by either savings or avoidance," Sergeant Cochran said. "When we repair an asset under savings we get paid for the asset since it would have been condemned without our action — this is where we make money for the wing. Avoidance is when we repair something and simply return it without any supply system action. We do not make money on these assets, but we avoid replacement cost for the wing." Total avoidance for the same period was more than \$1.8 million, for a combined financial benefit of more than \$5.6 million. Through fixing components instead of replacing them, the AFREP saves Air Force bases millions of dollars each year which can be put directly back into the base community.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark St

Flight safety

Focusing on protection from BASH

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman

Alaskan Command **Public Affairs**

Across

- 1. Tack on
- 4. Pie __ mode
- 7. Army commissioning source
- 10. Accept
- 12. Type of Bird/Wildlife Aircraft Strike Hazard danger
- 13. Clobber
- 15. Volleyball player
- Gabrielle _ jiff; quickly
- 17. Signal to identify BASH dangers
- 18. Aircraft part in danger during a BASH incident
- 20. Oriole great Ripken
- 21. Formerly
- 22. Ravens player Lewis
- 23. Japanese sashes
- 26. Conjunction
- 28. Education for the United

- States Air Force's senior officers
- 29. Tire place
- 30. Blanc and Torme
- 32. Places concerned with
- BASH
- 35. Website ending
- 36. Place where BASH incidents occur
- 41. Rear end
- 42. Singing registers
- 46. Volcano
- 48. Wood strips
- 50. Vase
- 51. The Greatest
- 53. Indian prince
- 54. Type of 48 Down; Sig-
- nificant BASH danger
- 56. Patriotic org.
- 57. Tack into place
- 58. Mows for farming
- 59. Barnyard
- 60. Alluring

Down

- 1. Stadiums
- 2. Devices used to scare

- wildlife to avoid BASH
- 4. USAF operating directives

- incident at Elmendorf
- programs

- formal education
- 17. Remember the

- 25. Simpson trial judge

- 32. Teenage ire
- 34. Famous stone
- 37. A Gershwin
- 38. ___ Haw
- 39. Basketball org

- 3. Bottomless
- 5. Actor Chaney
- 6. Aircraft lost in BASH
- 7. Bird-of-prey in BASH
- 8. FRIENDS character
- 9. Patriarch
- 10. Part of a circle
- 11. Cogs
- 14. United States Air Force
- 19. Before
- 24. Charred
- 27. Finding
- 31. Army rank
- 33. Driving crime, in short

(Solutions for this crossword puzzle are located on Page 21. For more information, call 228-3071.)

- 40. Dine
- 43. Part of BASH
- 44. Actor Penn
- 45. Possible result of a
- BASH
- 46. Balm
- 47. Detection device for

- 48. Part of BASH
- 49. Tree resin
- 50. Sound of disgust
- 52. Young man
- 55. Space shuttle, in brief
- 57. Mil. move



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

The Davis-Monthan Honor Guard posts the Colors during the Tucson Sidewinder's Military Appreciation Night June 17. The Sidewinders will host another Military Sunday event Sunday in which active-durty members can purchase tickets for the 6 p.m. game at Tucson Electric Park for \$1 a piece.

Journalist tagged out by cold

By Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle 355th Wing Public Affairs

There are some things in life that are distinctly and undeniably American. Some, like the past time of baseball, are more unforgettable than others

Military Appreciation Night was June 17 at Tucson Electric Park. The Tucson Sidewinders played the Portland Beavers for some Triple-A action. Arguably the game of baseball as it was meant to be played — ballplayers uncorrupted by huge contracts and sky's-the-limit budgets. The players showed their stuff for the military crowd while at the same time vying for the one phone call telling them it's time to go to The Big Show — the major leagues.

Growing up in Baltimore meant I had to be an Orioles fan. I remember Cal Ripken, Jr.'s streak, I remember when they broke the record for most home runs hit by any team in a season and I remember when Camden Yards was built (I went to the second game ever played in that park).

As a child, I spent every cent I could scrounge on baseball cards. My father was an acquaintance of Cal's and I remember being fascinated by stories of his trips to Cal's house. My grandfather played Triple-A ball for a team in Kansas City. I spent much of my youth dreaming of one day playing ball in the majors because baseball was in my blood.

I was tasked (or maybe I begged) to cover Military Appreciation Night for **The Desert Airman**. Col. Michael Isherwood, 355th Wing vice commander, was going to throw out the first pitch of the night and I was to get a photo. As the day grew closer and closer, I became more and more giddy; like I did as a child. I called the Sidewinders Media Relations Office to see if I could get credentials to go on the field to take a photo of Colonel Isherwood before the game. The credentials were granted and it only fueled my excitement — I knew being on that field was as close as I would ever get to playing professional ball.

The day of the game finally arrived. I woke up not feeling great, the beginning symptoms of a cold coming on, and the feeling worsened as the day progressed. My supervisor agreed to send me home a little early to get some rest since I would be working that night.

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It was a magical feeling for me, walking through the same tunnel at the ballpark that many gifted and great players had passed before me. During spring training, the park leads a double life as camps for both the Chicago White Sox and the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Once through the tunnel, I found myself behind home plate. My mind raced as I tried to comprehend all the greats who had stood where I was standing at that moment.

Stunned, I stood there for a moment. Would I actually be allowed on the field or would someone yell at me and tell me to get off the grass? Can I really just walk out onto the field where everyone else was standing?

I shrugged myself out of my daze and I walked onto the field and soaked it all in.

I felt like a child just standing there looking around wide eyed. I picked a place for a photo right behind home plate and I knelt down to take the photos, just like I had watched so many other catchers do.

Too soon the pre-game events were over. My time on the hallowed ground was finished. I stayed to watch the beginning part of the game, from that same spot behind home plate. I knew I had to get home before I made myself sicker, and I packed my camera gear into its bag.

As I drove away, I watched the bright lights of the park in my rear-view mirror for as long as I could.

It was a defining moment in my Air Force career. Not only had I fulfilled a childhood dream, but I had represented my country and the Air Force to the Tucson community while doing it. The fun and innocence of baseball mixed with the traditions and history of our military — it can't get more American than that.

Sports Shorts

Three-on-three tournament

The Underage Drinking Task Force hosts a three-on-three basketball tournament today at 7 p.m. at the Fitness and Sports Center. The event is free and individuals have the opportunity to win a variety of prizes. In addition, food and drinks will be available. To sign up a team, visit the main desk at the fitness center. For more information, call Senior Airman Anthony Usher, 355th Services Squadron, at 228-0022.

Softball Championship

The final round for the Intramural Softball Championship is today at 7 p.m. at Mustang Field. For more information, call 228-0021.

Adult Swim Lessons

The Indoor Fitness Pool at the Fitness and Sports Center is offering free adult swim lessons to anyone ages 16 years and up July 5 through 14 (weekdays) from 5 to 6 p.m. The level of the lesson to be offered will be determined by the abilities of participants. Those who are interested in either learning how to swim or refining their skills can send an e-mail to alisa.metzger@dm.af.mil. Individuals should detail their swimming abilities and add "c/o Aimee" in the subject line of the e-mail, which should be sent no later than Thursday. For more information, call 228-0015.

Biathlon Series

The D-M Biathlon Series is the second series of swimming and running events offered by Outdoor Recreation in 2005. The Biathlon Series events are designed to promote swimming and running as lifelong recreational activities that support personal fitness goals. Two different events will be offered each month at the Indoor Fitness Pool; sprint and distance. The sprint event will include a 500-meter swim and a 1.5-mile run. The distance portion will include a 1,200meter swim and a 4.5-mile run. Participates may choose which events they would like to participate in. Event dates are July 9 and Aug. 13. Check-in and instructions will begin at 6:30 a.m. each day. For more information, or to sign up, stop by the Indoor Fitness Pool's Lifeguard Office or call 228-0015.

Gymnastics classes

Gymnastics classes are being offered this summer at the Youth Center for children ages 3 to 15 years. The cost is \$35 per month for four classes. Class instruction is for beginner to advanced gymnastics. Classes are held Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. for beginners ages 3 to 5 years, 6:30 p.m. for beginners and intermediate ages 5 to 8 years and 7:30 p.m. for intermediate and advanced ages 8 to 15 years. For more information, or to sign up, call 228-8844.

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Sports Shorts

Bowling Center specials

The Davis-Monthan community is invited to visit the D-M Bowling Center this summer for specials that run through Aug. 15. Monday, kids bowl free from 10 a.m. until noon and shoe rental is \$1.25. Wednesday nights enjoy Family Cosmic bowling from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 for a two-hour lane rental or \$20 for a two-hour lane rental and a medium one-topping pizza and pitcher of soda. Kids under 16 years receive free shoe rentals. Every Thursday is Family Dollar Days. Each game and shoe rental is \$1 all day. Friday and Saturday from 7 to 11 p.m. is cosmic bowling. Bowl to the latest hits. The Bowling Center is closed Sunday during the summer. For more information, stop by the Bowling Center or call 228-3461.

Teen summer programs

The Youth Center's Teen Summer Outdoor Adventure Program allows teens to experience outdoor adventure in a fun and positive way. The next trip individuals can sign up for is to San Diego July 22 through 24 where participants can surf, camp and study marine life. Those interested should sign up by July 20. Aug. 1 through 4 there is a trip to Camp Pendleton. Teens will have lots of fun camping on the beach at one of the world's largest bases. Camp Pendleton offers miles of surf right in the heart of southern California. For more information, stop by the Youth Center or call 228-8844 or 228-8373.

Summer golf specials

The Davis-Monthan Blanchard Golf Course offers reduced rates all week long to help combat the rising summer temperatures. All rates listed include cart and green fees. Monday through Friday the cost is \$19 after 9 a.m., \$16 after 1 p.m. and \$13 after 4 p.m. until sunset. Saturday and Sunday the cost is \$19 after 1 p.m. and \$13 after 4 p.m. Those who enjoy walking Blanchard Golf Course's fairways can get even better rates. Individuals can play 18 holes after 1 p.m. for \$10 or receive unlimited golf for \$10 after 4 p.m. until sunset. Rates Monday through Friday before 9 a.m.

and Saturday and Sunday before 1 p.m. are based on rank. For more information regarding those rates, for information regarding adjusted walking rates before 1 p.m. or to reserve a tee time, call Blanchard at 228-3734.

Scorpion Football, Cheer

The 2005 Scorpion Football and Cheer season is fast approaching. Those interested in participating can sign up each Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Palo Verde Park. For more information regarding the season, visit www.scorpions.tyfsf.com or contact Niki Swindle at 207-9013

Air Force Marathon

The ninth annual Air Force Marathon will be held at Wright Patterson Air Force Base Sept. 17. Marathon events include the 26.2 mile full marathon, half-marathon, four-person relay, wheelchair race and a 5k race. The race is open to the public and the registration deadline is Sept. 2. For more information, visit the Air Force Marathon Web site at http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil or call (937) 257-4350 or (800) 467-1823.

Intramurals

Golf

The following scores are provided by Davis-Monthan's Blanchard Golf Course. All scores are current as of June 20. For more information regarding the standings, call the course at 228-3734.

Tuesday Standings

<u>Team</u>	W-L-T	\underline{GB}	Points
$372~\mathrm{TRS/DET}~11$	4-0-0		43 (28)
355 LRS	3-0-0	.5	31 (-15)
355 CS #1	2-1-0	1.5	21 (10)
355 MOS	2-1-0	1.5	$20 \scriptscriptstyle{(-1)}$
355 CES	1-1-0	2	15 (10)
563 MXS	1-2-0	2.5	11 (-7)
355 SFS	0-2-1	3	10 (-19)
755 AMXS	0-2-1	3	10 (-21)
355 AMXS (AMARC	0-1-0	4	4 (-33)
355 EMS	0-3-0	4	4 (-25)

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<u>Team</u>	W-L-T	\underline{GB}	Points			
355 MED	3-0-0		36 (-4)			
12 AF	3-0-0		34 (8)			
355 CMS	3-0-0		25 (16)			
355 MXS	2-1-0	1	23 (3)			
755 OSS	1-0-1	1.5	13 (6)			
355 WING	1-2-0	2	12 (-9)			
355 CS #2	0-2-1	2.5	6 (-63)			
355 EMS	0-2-0	2.5	7 (-2)			
355 CPTS	0-3-0	3	11 (-18)			
563 RQG	0-3-0	3	1 (-66)			



Chapel Information

Services and activities offered by the D-M chapels are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.

Catholic Mass schedule

Saturday: First Saturday Mass is the first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. in Hope Chapel. The Mass will be followed by a breakfast fellowship. For more information, call Jeff Morgan at 574-2567. Mass is at 5 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Sunday: Mass is at 9:45 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Protestant Services schedule

Sunday: Contemporary Service is at 9:45 a.m. and Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is also at 11:15 a.m. but at Desert Dove Chapel.

Education Services

BTES closure

The Base Training and Education Services Office will be closed July 1 for an Air Combat Command Family Day and July 4 for Independence Day. For more information, call Phil King at 228-3812.

University of Arizona update

The University of Arizona Center for Computer and Professional Education has recently expanded programs and upgraded its facilities and computer hardware. Programs are accessible and are designed for working adults. A One-Rate-Tuition also makes it affordable. For questions call 626-5091 or visit www.ceao.arizona.edu/comped for class schedules and program details.

Federal Women's Scholarship

The Southern Arizona Federal Women's Interagency Council is pleased to announce its annual educational scholarship award. The Council will provide scholarship awards in the amount of \$500. Applicants must be current permanent full time federal employees. The deadline is July 7. For more information, contact Cheryl Millner at 228-4767 or send an e-mail to Cheryl.millner@dm,af.mil.

Physician Assistant Program

The Air Force is taking applications for Physician Assistant (Phase I) Training classes which begin in January, April and August 2007. Only active-duty enlisted Air Force members are eligible for this program. The selection board is scheduled to convene here March 21. The deadline for applications is Jan. 28. Completed applications must be sent by the Military Personnel Flight to HQ AFPC/DPAMW. The point of contact can be reached at DSN 665-2775 or (commercial) at 210-565-2775. For more information and application procedures, visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/medical/BSC/Education/PAapplication.htm.

Troops to Teachers

The Los Angeles Unified School District is looking for retiring or separating members of the

Armed Forces, Coast Guard, Reserves and National Guard to teach math, science, English or special education. Military members (officers and enlisted) holding a bachelor's degree with expertise in these subject areas may qualify for Troops to Teachers, a program that provides referral assistance and placement services to military personnel interested in beginning a second career in public education as a teacher. Some financial support in the form of stipends or bonuses is available to those who are eligible. Service members and veterans who are interested in learning more about job opportunities with LAUSD should fill out a free application available at http://www.teachinla.com/pre la_application.html.

CCAF fall graduation

Military members who are interested in completing their Community College of the Air Force degree for the next CCAF graduation class, which will be in October, must have completed all their course work and must be nominated by the Base Training and Education Services Office no later than Aug. 26 to qualify. For more information, call Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484, Norma White at 228-4249 or Claudia Rodriguez at 228-3472.

Air War College materials

Air War College has now implemented a change in the method of ordering exams. Students must use the Student Information System at www.au.af.mil/au/awc/aw/awceso.htm to order exams and materials. Students should first use this link to establish an account, and then order their materials. For more information, call DSN 493-6093 or commercial (334) 953-5741.

Family Support Center

Pre-separation Counseling

This class is mandatory for all Airmen separating from the Air Force and will take place at the Family Support Center Tuesday and July 5 from 9 to 10 a.m. This class will acquaint departing members with services and agencies available to help transition to the civilian workforce. The class size is limited to 20 attendees and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating/retiring or, in special circumstances, as soon as possible. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Right Start Base Orientation

Right Start Base Orientation is designed to welcome all newcomers to Davis-Monthan and the Tucson area. Leadership and base agencies discuss a variety of programs and services available. The next orientation is Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. Medical Right Start is from 12:40 to 4 p.m. Free childcare is available but must be arranged ahead of time. For more information, call the Family Support Center at 228-5690.

Time for Tots

The next Time for Tots will be held July from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. The event allows parents to come and meet other parents while their children enjoy fun and a

variety of activities. For more information, call 228-5690.

Smooth Move

The Family Support Center will conduct a Smooth Move Briefing July 6 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at the Family Support Center, Building 3210. This briefing will help individuals prepare for their next permanent change of station assignment. For reservations, call 228-5690.

Happenings

Breakfast on D-M

Charley's Steakery, located in the Base Exchange Food Court, offers breakfast Monday through Saturday from 6:30 to 10 a.m. and Sunday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Charley's offers eggs to order, omelets, hash browns as well as their steak sandwiches.

Eagle Scout Blood Drive

The Davis-Monthan community is invited to come out and give blood not only to help out the community blood bank but to help a Scout with his Eagle project. The American Red Cross will take donations Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Base Chapel Annex. All the donators will receive a free Red Cross beach bag, food and drinks. Those who would like to pre-register should call Joe Acciani at 571-6955 or James Fraser Jr. at 790-1263. In addition to the Blood Drive, the scouts will also host a Bake-Sale at the new BX Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Red Cross.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop, located on Ironwood Street across from the D-M Bowling Center, is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 am to noon, with consignments closing at 11:30 am. The Thrift Shop will be closed during July.

Employment Opportunities

The 355th Services Squadron is looking for motivated individuals to fill positions within the Information, Tickets and Tours and Outdoor Recreation offices. There are current openings in ticket sales, paintball and skeet ranges and equipment rental. Several lifeguard positions are also available. Applications and specific job information including pay, duties and responsibilities are available at www.dmservicesonline.com. Those who are interested can pick-up and drop off applications at Building 3510, Room 127. For more information, call the Services Human Resource Office at 228-2408.

Becoming a TREA member

The Retired Enlisted Association invites all active duty and retirees to attend their meetings to discover the benefits of becoming a TREA member. The Board of Directors meetings are the first Tuesday of each month and the General Membership meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at Hope Chapel at 10 a.m. The efforts of TREA help in the military community can make a difference at D-M. For more information, contact Larry Gurley at 520-886-7022 or lagurley@cox.net.

Services Happenings

Information for the Services Activities section of the Desert Airman is courtesy of Chris Sweeney, 355th Services Squadron. For more information regarding this section, contact Mr. Sweeney directly at 228-7352.

Car Wash closure

The Auto Skills Center car wash will be closed from July 6 through 15 for renovations. For more information, call 228-3614.

Mirage grand re-opening

The grand re-opening of The Mirage Officers' Club and grand opening of the new Mountain View Conference Center will take place July 8. Everyone is invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony on The Mirage patio and lawn area at 4:30 p.m. The grand opening festivities will include food, beverages, music and games as well as prize drawings throughout the evening. There will also be a "Fishin' for Membership" quarterly prize drawing and a separate grand prize drawing for anyone who signs-up for club membership during the grand opening. Dress is uniform of the day for military and casual for civilians. For more info call 228-3301.

Preschool Summer Camps

Parents can still sign their preschool children up for the Preschool Summer Camp program at the D-M Child Development Center. Sessions are two weeks long and each will have a fun educational theme. Parents can sign up for one or all of the sessions. Sessions are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week from 8:30 to 11 a.m. The remaining sessions include a Circus Theme July 5 through 14 and a Dinosaurs Theme July 19 through 28. Fees are based on total family income and range from \$27 to \$57 per session. There is a \$10 non-refundable registration fee for each session. This fee will be credited toward the tuition for the session. Children must have turned three by Dec. 31 and must be completely potty trained. Parents need to bring shot records and leave and earnings statement forms to register along with an emergency contact other than the parent. For more information, parents can call 228-3336.

D-M Youth Center summer programs

Preteens and teens can experience and learn the engineering technology on how to build Delta Dart airplanes, mousetrap racers and balsa wood bridges. (The balsa wood bridges are for teens only). Models will be built on each topic with the opportunity to make design changes and further explore each topic. Dates for workshops are: July 6 and 7 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. for Delta Dart Planes; July 26 through 29 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. for mousetrap racers; and Aug. 11 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Community Center and Aug. 18 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Youth Center fro balsa wood bridges. For more information, call 228-8844 or 228-8373.

Preteen Horse Camp

Preteens can go to Pantano Stables on Houghton Road July 11 through 15 for Horse Camp. Youth will learn how to care, saddle and ride a horse. Camp sessions are from 8 to 11:30 a.m. each day. The cost is \$70 per person. Space is limited and permission slips are required. For more information, or to sign up, call 338-8844 or 228-8373.

Flea Market

The Community Center will host a Flea Market Saturday in the Youth Center's parking lot next to Building 6000. The cost per table is \$5, or \$8 for two tables. The sale starts at 6:30 a.m. and ends at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 228-3717.

Southwestern International Raceway

The Community Center will have representatives and three cars from Southwestern International Raceway on display today from 6 to 8 p.m. The event will include free food and drinks, drawings for raceway hats and shirts and more. Participants can meet with the drivers and crew. For more information, call 228-3717.

Community Center Bingo

The D-M community is invited to enjoy Sunday Family Bingo at the Community Center once a month. Participants have a chance to win picnic knick-knacks July 10, can enjoy an ice cream social Aug. 7 and can win a teddy bear Sept. 4. The Community Center also invites everyone to come out and enjoy their Tuesday Bingo games. Doors open at 5 p.m. for a social hour before the early bird games start at 6:30 p.m. There are also cash prizes from \$50 to \$1,000. For more information, call 228-3717.

